

*"No Child Left  
Indoors" at the*

**EDUCARE  
"WILD THINGS"  
SUMMER PROGRAM 2010**



*Educare Learning Center*

Calendar of Events Summer 2010

# Educare Summer Calendar of Events



# June 2010



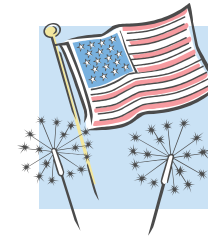
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6	7 EFA meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10 Last Day (PS 3)	11 Last day (PS 4 & FCPS) Graduation (Rm 4 & PS 4), 7 p.m.	12
13 <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>	14 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due  <b>ELC CLOSED (In-service Day)</b>	15 ELC Summer Program Begins	16 Farm Animal Visit (center-wide) 9 a.m. <i>Lunch &amp; Bingo with Seniors (SA)</i>	17 Music Class (Rm 2, 3 & 4) Discovery Walk (Rm 1a & 1b) <i>Discovery Walk &amp; Lunch/Creek Day (SA)</i>	18  <b>Annual Family Picnic w/ Moonbounce (EFA) 6:30-8:30 p.m.</b>	19
20 <i>Survivor Kids (Living in Nature)</i>	21 Discovery Walk (Rm 3) Amazing Art Class (a.m.) (Rm 1b, 2, 4 and 5)	22 Discovery Walk (Rm 4)	23 <i>Discovery Walk &amp; Creek Day (Room 2 &amp; SA)</i>	24 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4)	25 <b>Mister Don Musical Performance (center-wide) 9:30 &amp; 10 a.m. <i>SA Field Trip Pool 11:30-3:30</i></b>	26
27 <i>Call of the Wild (Music in nature)</i>	28 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due  Discovery Walk (Rm 3)	29 <i>SA Field Trip Bowling &amp; Lunch in park 10:00-2:30</i>	30 Popcorn Trolley  Discovery Walk (Rm 1a& 1b)			

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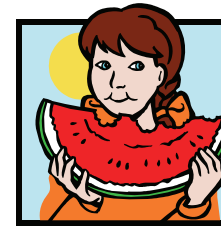
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4 <i>4th of July</i>  <i>Wildlife Photo Safari</i> <i>(Nature-al Art/Photos)</i>	5 <b>ELC CLOSED</b> <b>(4th of July Holiday)</b>	6  Discovery Walk (Rm 3)	7 Discovery Walk (Rm 4)  <b>Alex's Lemonade Stand @ Senior Center (SA)</b> <b>11-1 (Lunch &amp; Bingo)</b>	8 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4) <b>SA Field Trip</b> <b>Keys Baseball &amp; Lunch</b> <b>12:00 Game</b>	9 Fitness Class (Rm 1b, 2, 3 & 4) <i>Discovery Walk and Creek Day</i> (Rm 5) EFA meeting 7 p.m. (Subcommittee Meeting Off-Site)	10 Family Event @ Catoctin Zoo 10:00-2:00
11  <i>Wild Planet</i> <i>(Reduce, Reuse &amp; Recycle)</i>	12 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due Amazing Art Class (a.m.) (Rm 1b, 2, 3, and 5) <b>Music (Lloyd Fiedler)</b> <b>Crafts w/Seniors</b> <b>10:30a.m. (SA)</b>	13 Parent Orientation (New Families), 5:30-6:30 p.m.	14  <b>Alex's Lemonade Stand @ Senior Center (SA)</b> <b>11-1 (Lunch &amp; Bingo)</b>	15 <b>Willy Woo Woo</b> <b>(center-wide) 10 a.m.</b> <b>Willy Woo Woo Magic</b> <b>Class (SA ONLY)</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	16  <b>SA Field Trip</b> <b>Pool 11:30-3:30</b>	17  Parent's Night Out (EFA) 4-9 p.m.
18  <i>Water World</i> <i>(Creek Study/Water Exploration)</i>	19  <b>Pony To Go (Exotic Animals), 10:30 a.m.</b>	20	21 Family Breakfast @ Outdoor Caf�, 7-9 a.m.  <b>Alex's Lemonade Stand @ Senior Center (SA)</b> <b>11-1 (Lunch &amp; Bingo)</b>	22  <b>NO</b> <b>MUSIC CLASS</b> <b>SA Field Trip</b> <b>Movies 10 a.m.</b>	23 Discovery Walk & Creek Day (Rm 4) <b>Hot Dog &amp; Watermelon Picnic</b> (center-wide), 3 p.m. <b>(center-wide)</b>	24
25  <i>Kenyan Safari</i> <i>(Animals, Plants, &amp; Habitats of Kenya)</i>	26 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due Amazing Art Class (a.m.) (Rm 1b, 2, 4 and 5) Discovery Walk Rm 3	27  <b>Discovery Walk &amp; Creek Study (SA)</b>	28 Discovery Walk (Rm 1a & 1b)  <b>Alex's Lemonade Stand @ Senior Center (SA)</b> <b>11-1 (Lunch &amp; Bingo)</b>	29 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4) Parent Workshop, "Preventing Problems" 6:30-8 p.m.	30 Popcorn Trolley Fitness Class (Rm 1b, 2, 3 4, 5)  <i>SA Field Trip</i> <i>Pool 11:30-3:30</i>	31

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1 <b>Monthly &amp; Summer Preschool Tuition Due</b> <i>Insects, Arachnids &amp; Reptiles, Oh My!</i>	2 Amazing Art Class (a.m.) (Rm 1b, 2, 4 and 5)  Discovery Walk (Rm 3)	3 <b>SA Field Trip Ice Skating &amp; Ice Cream 12-3 p.m.</b>	4 <b>Alex's Lemonade Stand @ Senior Center (SA) 11-1 (Lunch &amp; Bingo)</b>  Discovery Walk & Creek Day (Rm 4)	5  Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4) <b>Discovery Walk &amp; Creek Day (SA &amp; Rm 2)</b>	6  <b>Palm Tree Moon bounce 9-5 (Center-wide)</b>	7  <b>Wild Rumpus Family Picnic @ Creek Area 4-7 p.m.</b>
8  <i>Tropical Rainforests (Floor to Canopy)</i>	9 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due	10  Discovery Walk & Creek Day (Rm 5)	11  Discovery Walk (Rm 1a & 1b) <b>Bingo, Lunch &amp; Carnival w/ Seniors 10:30</b> <b>Alex's Lemonade stand @ ELC</b>	12  Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4)  Discovery Walk (Rm 2)	13  <b>SA Field Trip Pool 11:30-3:30</b>	14
15  <i>Navigating the Wild (Using a Map &amp; Compass)</i>	16  Discovery Walk (Rm 3)	17 Popcorn Trolley  Discovery Walk (Rm 4)	18  Discovery Walk (Rm 1a & 1b)  Discovery Walk & Lunch/Creek Day (SA)	19  Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4) <b>SA Field Trip Movies 10 a.m.</b>	20  <b>ELC CLOSED (In-service Day)</b>	21
22	23 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due First Day of ELC Fall Session First Day FCPS	24	25	26	27	28
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**Key:** SA = school-age, PS = preschool hours only program, 1a = Infants Room, 1b = Toddlers, Room 2 = two's program, Room 3 = three's program, Room 4 = four's program, EFA = Educare Family Association, FCPS = Frederick County Public Schools, FCPL = Frederick County Public Library

## **Mission Statement**

Educare Community Mission Statement

We are dedicated to promoting positive development in children by:

- Providing dedicated staff who engage children in the joy and excitement of learning;
- Offering a quality curriculum using innovative and research-based teaching strategies;
- Building caring relationships through positive discipline offered in a safe and enriching environment;
- Establishing strong partnerships with parents/guardians; and
- Nourishing spiritual growth through modeling love and respect for each other and the world around us.

## **Glossary for 2009-2010 Calendar of Events (alphabetically)**

### **Bookmobile**

FCPL brings the bookmobile to Educare on regular cycle throughout the year. Our 3 and 4 year old classrooms hear a story and select books from the bookmobile. The program also selects teacher resource materials and Unit of Study books for each classroom to use.

### **Brunswick Senior Center**

We have established a community connection with the Brunswick Senior Center. On specified dates, Senior Citizens play Bingo with our school-age children, attend special performances at the center, and have lunch with the children.

### **Community Outreach Activities**

During the year, several community projects are enacted to provide children the opportunity to participate in the experience of giving support to those in need. Examples of past projects include: The Angel Tree (families help others in need by selecting an ornament from the tree in the hallway that lists items a family in-need could use), food banks (non-perishable food items are collected to take to local food banks), and Alex's Lemonade Stand (children sell lemonade to support the cure for children's cancer).

### **Curriculum Focus**

Educare Learning Center uses The Creative Curriculum, a state approved curriculum published by Teaching Strategies. The focus of this curriculum is providing an environment that is predictable and supportive of children's educational needs. Content areas of literacy, math, science, social studies and the arts are addressed through teacher-directed and child-selected activities.

### **Discovery Walks**

Children will experience a Discovery Walk at least once a month. Children should wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Our pathway is open for families during center hours (6:00-6:30pm). Parents are welcome to use the pathway by letting the front desk know when they are on site. If a walk is taken without a center guide, parents are requested to sign our disclosure form.

### **EFA (Educare Family Association)**

The Educare Family Association (EFA) has the expressed purpose of supporting Educare Learning Center through planning activities that build a sense of community among families. Meetings are held at ELC the first Monday of the month from 6:30-8:00. Child care is offered at no charge. EFA also oversees all fund raising activities and governs how the funds are used to enhance program offerings for children. All families are members of the EFA upon enrollment of a child in the center; EFA requires no fees for participation. For more information about the EFA, email [efa@educatewithcare.com](mailto:efa@educatewithcare.com).

### **Emergency Closings**

Educare makes every effort to stay open for scheduled program hours. When it is necessary to close during the day of operation due to weather, emergencies, or world events, parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up children. In the event of inclement weather conditions existing prior to the center's daily opening, parents/guardians may contact the center by 5:30 a.m. or check the website by 6:00 a.m. for information regarding delays or closures.

### **Family Events**

Educare coordinates periodic family events exclusively for Educare Families. This summer events to include:

- Annual Family Picnic—This event is held at the end of the year on the school-age playground to celebrate the past year. Hamburgers and hotdogs are provided by the EFA. Families and staff are invited to bring a covered dish to share.
- Educare Day @ Catoctin Zoo—Educare is reserving a block of tickets at a discounted group rate for families to purchase and spend the day together at the zoo.
- Wild Rumpus End of Summer Picnic—Families will enjoy time at the bottom of the Discovery Walk Path. Educare provides hot dogs and s'mores for families to roast over a campfire. Families are invited to bring a dish to share.

### **Fire Drills**

The program conducts fire drills once a month. The fire alarm is sounded and children exit the building to the school-age fenced-in playground. Once roll is taken, children return to the building.

### **Funding Factory**

EFA participates in a fundraiser entitled the Funding Factory. This program recycles ink cartridges and cell phones. Educare receives points from each item recycled and points are used to purchase equipment (such as flat-screen computer monitors and digital cameras) for the classrooms. Visit the link on our web site homepage [www.educatewithcare.com/Educare](http://www.educatewithcare.com/Educare) to learn more about the program.

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## Holidays and Early Closings

Educare is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. If the holiday falls on Saturday, Educare will be closed on the prior Friday. If the holiday falls on Sunday, Educare will be closed on the following Monday. Educare will close one-hour early (5:30 p.m.) on Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve.

## Multi-cultural Focus

Educare Learning Center has adopted Kenya as its sister country. Artifacts from Kenya are displayed in each room's Kenyan Corner and children learn about Kenya throughout the year, with a special day in October designated as Kenya Day. The children also correspond with children at a school in Nairobi, Kenya.

## Nature-al Discoveries Curriculum

Each month children explore a different dimension of nature as noted on the yearly calendar. Discovery Walks are enjoyed by children each month and children participate in activities in nature with our Nature Curriculum Coordinator.

## On-site Field Trips

On-site field trips are provided throughout the summer:

- Willy Woo Woo—a magician that entertains and has everyone laughing including children, teachers and parents
- Mister Don Musical Performance—local musician will perform for children in two different shows
- Pony-to-Go Petting Zoo—will bring “exotic animals” on-site for children. Animals to include tortoise, ball pythons, angora bunnies, chinchillas, hedgehog, polish chickens, Patagonian caavy

## Parents' Night Out

The Educare Family Association coordinates a Parent's Night Out from 4-9 p.m. for Educare Parents/Guardians to enjoy a “night off” and leave the children with us.

## Parent Orientations

New families are requested to attend a parent orientation meeting to learn more about policies and procedures and to network with other families. An orientation meeting is scheduled once a month; families only need to attend one orientation.

## Parent Workshops

All workshops are held at Educare from 6:30—8:00 p.m. at no charge to parents. Refreshments are served at 6:30 p.m. for families. Childcare is provided for \$5.00 per child.

## Popcorn Trolley

Once a month, the popcorn trolley finds its way to the main hallway, filling the building with the smell of freshly popped popcorn. Bags of warm popcorn are available to children and families free of charge. Our popcorn trolley was donated to the center by the Rand family.

## Staff Development/In-service Days

Educare is closed to children on Staff In-service Days in order to provide staff with opportunities to attend training, make enhancements to room environments, prepare for conferences, and hold staff meetings. The program is closed to children on the following days:

- June 14, 2010 (The day after the last day of FCPS)
- August 20, 2010 (The day before the first day of FCPS)

## READ Program – Read Every Available Day

Children's books are available for check-out in the main hallway. Families are invited to select books, place them in a book bag provided by the READ library, and take the books home to read together. Each time the books are returned, new books can be checked out.

## Special Classes

*Food Groupies*, a nutrition awareness program, provide toddlers through preschool with information and experiences using the food pyramid to make healthy choices for snacks and meals.

A series of videos and mini-discussions help to support discussions on healthy development.

*Music, Fitness and Art Classes* are enhancements to the curriculum throughout the school year for infants-preschool.

*Second Step*, a pro-social skills program, is enacted in toddlers through preschool-age classrooms. Twenty mini-lessons focusing on empathy, anger management, and problem-solving are provided throughout the school year.

## State Accreditation

Educare is fully accredited through the Maryland State Department of Education. Renewal of the accreditation process occurs every three years. Families may be asked to help with completing assessments of the classroom and participate in classroom meetings to discuss strengths and areas for growth of the program.

## Units of Study

Each month the program focuses on a Unit of Study as noted on the top of each monthly calendar. Each classroom will explore the topics as appropriate to the children's interests and developmental needs.

## Water Play Splash Days

All classrooms enjoy time outside in the water tables with water toys and water bottles to cool off. Children need to bring separate shoes and bathing suits during their assigned water play days.

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